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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2396

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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BRUSSELS FOR USEC/LABATT

PARIS FOR LABATT

E.O.11652: NA

TAGS: SHUM ELAB TS

SUBJ: KOUKI CASE

REF: TUNIS 6186

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL.  
REFERENCE TO BRUISES NOTED ON KOUKI'S SHOULDERS AND BACK  
WAS NOT MADE IN DOCTORS' LETTERS BUT IN SEPARATE COMMENTARY ON TAP  
ARTICLE WHICH ACCOMPANIED DOCTORS' LETTER IN ER-RAI'S AUGUST 31  
EDITION. IN THIS COMMENTARY ER-RAI CITED REFERENCE TO  
"BRUISES ON SHOULDERS AND BACK," SUPPOSEDLY NOTED IN  
OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY IN EXAMINING MAGIS-  
TRATE. THIS OFFICIAL REPORT HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AS FAR AS  
WE ARE AWARE. DOCTOR'S LETTER WAS PUBLISHED IN FRENCH IN  
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DEMOCRATIC ON SEPTEMBER 2, AT WHICH TIME WE RECOGNIZED  
ERROR.

2. CLOSEST THING TO OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO DOCTOR'S OPEN  
LETTER IS UNSIGNED "CLARIFICATION" PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT-  
CONTROLLED LA PRESSE SEPTEMBER 3. ARTICLE NOTED THAT DOCTORS  
HAVE CONFIRMED FINDING OF TUNISIAN LEAGUE FOR RIGHTS OF

MAN THAT KOUKI'S DEATH WAS NOT CAUSED BY MALTREATMENT OR TORTURE.  
DOCTORS WERE CHIDED FOR CRITICIZING CONCLUDING COMMENTS  
OF TAP JOURNALIST WHO WAS ONLY TRYING TO SHED LIGHT ON  
"THIS SAD AFFAIR." ARTICLE COMPLAINETLTHAT "EXAGGERATION  
AND VERBAL VIOLENCE" HAD BECOME EVERYDAY LANGUAGE FOR "CERTAIN  
PERSONS". LA PRESSE ARTICLE CONCLUDED THAT ONE TRUTH REMAINS--  
THAT CHARGES OF MISTREATMENT OR TORTURE HAVE NO FOUNDATION  
IN THIS "UNFORTUANTE CASE", AND THAT "GRAVEDIGGERS" SHOULD HAVE  
MORE RESPECT FOR THE DECEASED AND HIS FAMILY.  
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